Alberta Treasury
Economic Bulletin

ECONOMIC STATISTICS RELEASED DURING THE WEEK OF JULY 31 TO AUGUST 4, 2000

	Reference Period	Month/Previous Month	Month'00/ Month'99	Comments
Help Wanted Index (1996=100)	July			
Alberta	163	1.2%	22.6%	The help-wanted index is a measure of firms' intentions to hire new workers. The index increased in July for all provinces except Nova Scotia (-0.6%), Manitoba (-0.6%) and Prince Edward Island (-0.4). On a year-over-year basis, Alberta (22.6%) had the second highest increase behind P.E.I (26.1%).
Canada	171	1.2%	6.9%	
Building Permits ($ millions)	June			
Alberta	466.1	8.0%	18.0%	Building permits rose by 8.0% in Alberta in June and increased 7.2% nationally. The 8.0% increase in Alberta's building permits was attributed to both the residential (4.6%) and non-residential (12.3%) sectors. On a year-over-year basis, Alberta (18.0%) had the second largest increase behind Manitoba (23.4%).
Canada	3,097.8	7.2%	2.2%	
Gross Domestic Product (1992$ millions)	May			
	779,864	0.6%	4.8%	Canadian GDP rose 0.6% in May after pausing in April. Growth in May was led by the sectors of logging and forestry (2.1%), wholesale trade (1.8%), utilities (1.8), manufacturing (1.7%) and transportation and storage (1.4%). The mining sector experienced a moderate increase of 0.6%, while the output of the construction sector dropped sharply (-2%) partly due to the latest strike by cement truck drivers in the Toronto area. On a year over year basis, the Canadian economy grew by 4.8%.